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Announcements, Briefs & Coming events

Announcements

The public is once again invited to participate in Clarke's annual UNICEF card sale and tea Sunday, Oct. 30, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the atrium. Christmas cards, calendars, games and miscellaneous paper and stationery will be on sale.

Proceeds from the sale of UNICEF items assist governments in developing countries to improve living conditions for children and mothers throughout the world.

UNICEF was founded in 1946, one year after the end of World War II, primarily to help children who needed food, clothing, shelter and emergency medical care in Europe. Today, UNICEF works in over 100 developing countries to assist children and mothers with health care, education, nutrition, etc.

Support for UNICEF means support for the pledge to offer "A Future for Every Child."

Sale items will also be available the following week in the Clarke bookstore.

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An invitational photography exhibition, featuring photo artists from across the country, will be on display in the Quigley Gallery Oct. 25 through Nov. 11.

The exhibit will explore contemporary artistic ideas and techniques currently being pursued in photography. Among the twelve exhibitors are Clarke's own professional photographers Hank Goldstein and Mark Van Osdol.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. weekdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

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Students interested in spending four to six weeks in Quito, Ecuador, working with the poor at the Working Boys' Center may apply now for the 1989 Clarke Quito Summer Program Grant.

Applications may be picked from bulletin boards in the lobby of Catherine Byrne Hall or across from the post office. They must be returned to S. Barbara Kutchera, box 1588, or to S. Pat Nolan, box 1535, by Nov. 17.

The Working Boys' Center was formed for the shoeshine boys and other working boys in Quito in 1964. Currently, it is a family-centered program dedicated to providing changes in education, sanitation and nutrition for the poor of the city.

Clarke graduates and faculty have worked

ed in the center and raised awareness and appreciation for its work since it was founded, said Kutchera. The 1989 grant recipient will live at the center with BVM sisters, Jesuits, and lay volunteers.

Bridget Mooney, a 1988 Clarke graduate, was the first recipient of the Quito grant last year.

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Margaret Kolk, director of alumni relations at Clarke, has been awarded the Newcomers' Scholarship from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Kolk was chosen through a competitive selection process as a person new to the college advancement profession who has a high degree of motivation and promise.

Kolk was named director of alumni relations at Clarke in July, 1987.

Briefs

A new big-screen television was stolen from the Clarke Union after midnight Saturday, Oct. 8.

Business Manager Doyle Woods said the 42-inch television, which had been in the Union for six weeks, was apparently taken out of the Union through the back, where tire tracks from a truck are still visible. "We had the TV bolted down for security reasons," said Woods, "but someone unbolted it and stole it."

The theft was discovered on Saturday evening by food service director Larry James. "I was getting the Union ready for 'Saturday Night Lively,'" said James. "Dennis Ahern asked if he could turn on the football game. I said, 'No way. We have a band coming in.' Then I looked and noticed that the TV was gone."

Woods said he believes the theft occurred shortly after closing on Friday. He said security had checked the Union at closing.

"We have called the police, so they have the information," said Woods. "We have a \$100 reward for information leading to the recovery of the TV."

Coming events

To celebrate Halloween, the senior class will sponsor a haunted house is Mary Frances Hall Thursday, Oct. 27, from 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 28, from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. A special "Lights-on" run has been set for children on Thursday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

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CSA Treasury Report:

'Little left for activities after bills'

By Ann Steer

The Clarke Student Association (CSA) had their biannual budget meeting Oct. 17. It was a full-senate meeting, meaning that each committee chartered by CSA was represented to review their budgets for the semester.

CSA Treasurer Lee Kolker feels that this is one of the most important meetings of the entire semester. Without this meeting, the committees would not know how much money they can spend on activities, he said.

Kolker said, "CSA has to end this year in the black. We can be in debt this semester and carry it over to next debt-free." This presents a challenge to those working on the budgets.

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Kolker said, "We are a Catholic institution and it is good of us to donate." This event costs CSA approximately \$475.

CSA also pays for student activities calendars, the "comic book" directory and student identification cards. These debts total \$1,650.

Kolker added that money is also set aside so students can take out personal loans. He feels that it is very important that students know this fact. "CSA will loan a student \$30 interest-free with no questions asked. Students pay dues and they need to be aware that they can get money if they need it." CSA sets aside \$600 for this fund.

These standing costs leave little money for Students Activities Chairperson Molly Menke to plan things. Kolker said, "Students complain that they don't have enough to do, so we've planned a Course 9:20 for every week. We've also planned many new activities that are draining our funds. On top of all this, we spent \$5,200 on homecoming—the band, alone, cost \$1,100." Kolker added that CSA underwrote half the cost of the boat ride for homecoming. "Initially, the students would have had to pay \$12.50 for a single boat ticket." Kolker said that the activities during homecoming were greatly attended and he hopes the students were pleased with the decorations and "added extras."

Last year, CSA increased their dues by \$7.50. That may be a proposed solution to the problem this year, if their bill is not paid in full by June. To do this, CSA must go before the Board of Trustees and have it approved, said Kolker. "Ultimately, CSA is trying to please the students with lots of activities. The problem is, these activities cost money. It is a no-win situation."

New development in ghost story of Mary Frances Hall

by John Siegworth

Whether you work at Clarke or are a student, it's likely that you've heard some of the legends surrounding the haunting of Mary Frances Hall.

Recently, a new ghost story has been added to the repertoire. A new Clarke faculty member, who had been unaware of the legend, said he had some unusual experiences of his own.

History Associate Professor Gerald Theisen, Ph.D., said that several weeks ago he was living in the empty dormitory, which had been closed to students in 1987 due to excess dorm space. "I was staying in Mary Fran while waiting for my family to move to Dubuque," said Theisen.

One morning, Theisen "woke up at about 3 a.m. and saw two black cats in my room. I reached out and tried to grab them, but they fell to the floor and disappeared."

"A little while later, I woke up again and saw a woman looking at me. I think she was worried that I was trying to get her cats. I said, 'Who the hell are you?' and she suddenly disappeared," said Theisen.

Theisen believes the vanishing acts might be explained by his waking suddenly from a dream. He told his experience to several people, who then told him there was a legend about the building being haunted.

According to legend, a student once committed suicide in a fourth floor bathroom of Mary Fran. The entire floor of the wing, it is said, was painted red because the blood stains could not be removed; hence it became known as "red wing."

The people who heard Theisen's story were shocked, he said, when they discovered he didn't know about the building's history.

Another part of the legend says that the ghost of Clarke's founder, Mother Mary Frances Clarke, wanders the halls. Theisen discounted the theory that the woman he saw was Mary Frances Clarke. "She was younger, like a student," he said. "She had long, dark hair. Someone said that could be her habit, but that wasn't it."

Theisen was staying on the first floor of the building, which is several floors below red wing; however, people have reported strange activities in other parts of the building.

According to an article that appeared in the spring 1988 Catalyst, students have reported eerie yellowish-white light, laughter from empty showers and evil sensations in the chapel.

Junior Kevin McDonald, who lived in Mary Fran the second semester of his freshman year, said unexplained door slams were common. "Sometimes doors would be unlocked and sometimes not," he said.

McDonald also said window shades and light switches were known to move by themselves. "One night when I came home, my bed was messed up and my chair was upside down and shoved inside my desk," he said. "My room was locked."

Theisen and McDonald are not the only ones who have experienced aberrant feelings about Mary Frances Hall. Freshman Scott Mugan, 23, said, "I feel someone—or something—is watching me from Mary Fran everytime I go to the Union."

O.S.S. security guard Marc Viertel said he checks Mary Fran at least once per night during his rounds. However, he said he hasn't seen anything unusual.

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Viertel said John Dohve, a guard who currently works at FDL Foods, saw a decapitated doll head in the Union and suspected students were playing pranks.

Theisen said he didn't suspect there were any students playing pranks in the building when he was staying there.

Steve Cue of maintenance said he has heard many stories about Mary Fran but has "never seen or heard anything that I couldn't explain. It's simply a noisy old building."

Mary Fran isn't the only building on campus with ghost stories.

Former drama student Brian Baker, who worked in Terrance Donaghoe Hall quite a bit during his time at Clarke, said, "Like every good theater, it is haunted."

Baker said the third play of every season is cursed. Something always goes wrong. The lightboard goes out, or something goes wrong with the costumes and props. The problem always fixes itself before someone comes to fix it."

"Theater people—actors, directors and technicians alike—are superstitious by nature. We don't like to mention 'Macbeth' in the theater, especially while working on another production. We don't wish each other good luck; we tell each other to break a leg. It's only natural, I suppose, that we believe in ghosts," he said.

Sophomore Dirk Wiese said he heard that TDH was built over a former Indian burial ground.

Drama Department Chair Carol Blitgen, BVM, said, "In over 30 years I haven't experienced any sort of strange phenomena" in TDH. She also said she had heard nothing about the burial-ground story. If there are ghosts, Blitgen said, "they stay away from me. I must be wearing the wrong perfume or something."

Blitgen said the situation with the lightboard was "just a problem with the system." She said the other problems were largely human error. "Some people like to blame their mistakes on ghosts."

On Oct. 27-28, the senior class will present the annual Halloween haunted house in Mary Fran from 8-10:30 p.m. A lights-on children's matinee will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

When asked whether or not she expected to see any real ghosts in the building, Senior Class President Jodi Abel said, "I hope not. I don't want to see any."



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